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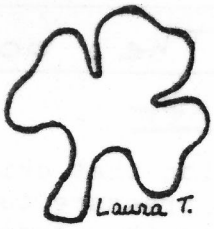

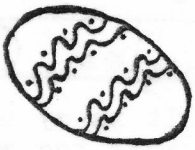

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Friday Talent Shown

The Fourth Annual Talent Show was held Friday in a sixth hour assembly. Jidges for the Talent Show were Mrs. Herm, who also organized the show, and Mr. Topp, Mrs. Kovach, Ms. Lundquist, and Mrs. Coleman.

The finalists in the talent show were Sheray Manual, a solo dance, Jayne Whittington and Pam DePierre, a flute duet, Melissa Barnes and Laurie Hendrickson , ventriloquism, Jean Surdy and Debbie Terry, song with guitar, Michelle Herwick, gymnastic dance, Donna Ghastin, Debbie Bryant, Jill Stiglich, a trio with song and flute, Martha Rivas and Daneen Voisard, a dance duet, James and Laura Turas, song with piano, and Penny Holden, Patty Zolp, Cheryl Crouse, and Jill Casanto doing a fifties dance.

The winners were Jean Surdy and Debbie Terry. Good work!

Solo - Ensemble - April 22

Some of the more outstanding seventh and eighth grade band members will be participating in the solo ensemble. It will be held at Lake Michigan College on April 22. Other participants will be from Van Buren, Berrien, and St. Joseph counties.

Tennis, Anyone?

t.g.

Tennis team is organizing. The first meeting was Monday. Mr. Zolp will be coaching the boys' tennis team and later teaching the tennis players better techniques after they have been conditioning for a while. The tennis team will play some of the better teams in Michigan this year. After spring vacation, the team wil be practicing against their team mates at the courts.

e. m.

James Turas

Spring is...

When the birds begin to sing,
When the snow is gone,
When you see the first piece of grass,
When the apple and fruit trees blossom,
When you can go for walks, ride a bike,
And just run free.

by Barb Smith

Wappaw Jr. on Its Way

Friday, March 10, was an important date for the yearbook staff. The final copy of the book was finished, approved, and mailed to the publisher in Texas where it will be printed and returned to Paw Paw by the end of May. The staff has worked harder than ever this year since the format for the book is a new one, one that should result in the best book ever they modestly hope.

Kyle's Corner

It is my opinion that children are under too much pressure to succeed on tests. This puts the student in the position where he/she is worried about getting the A, B, or C and has to study more to get the grade than to learn the material. The worst of the tests is the final exam. The exam is over the whole 180 some odd days of the school year. All the material that needs to be reviewed will be tested on one hour-and-fifteen minute test. In my math class alone there are going to be at least thirty sheets of paper to study from. Multiply that by six classes and you begin to see the pressure build up.

As an alternative , perhaps we could each have a few sheets of paper on which we could write what we have learned in each chapter. Then the teacher could collect and analyze all the students' sheets and work on what the students didn't learn. This way there is no need for tests.

by kc

A WORD from the Bulletin!

Everybody has been complaining about the bulletin. Some teachers don't read it. If there is something important going on, nobody will know about it if the bulletin is never read. jp

To the Editor:

I want the announcements read. If the teachrs don't have time to read them sometimes, which I can understand, than at least put them up somewhere in the room so students can read them.

Some teachrs say there isn't anything important in them or just a couple of things (but then don't say the dates), and leave it. Whether it is the Wednesday night newspaper meeting or the basketball scores from last Friday's game, what's important to the teacher and what's important to the students are tow totally different things.

Then there's the issue of reading them 2nd hour. Some teachers don't even get the bulletin til third hour. If everyone read them third hour every student would get a chance to hear what's happening.

So just put the announcements up somewhere in the room for the students to read them and read them when you have time. Then teachers won't have to put up with "no one read us the announcements."

signed,

Information wanted

Good Times Advisor

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I have a teacher-student problem. You see, I feel like my teacher doesn't like me. Every time I say hello to him/her, that person just keeps on walking away or turns his/her head. What do I do?

Smiling, waving and waiting

Dear Smiley,

All I can say is to just keep up your friendliness and hope that this teacher will realize that you are a good person to know and that it's you who should turn your head at that person for not being kind to you.

Dear Good Times Advisor,

Should I squeal on some one who smokes pot if I know he/she does? I don't want to lose friends. Please help.

Help!

Dear H.,

First of all, you might try talking to him/her about it and suggest that they quit. Remind that it is against the law. Second, if they continue, consider if this friend is worth having. Third, Think if you will be benefitting the person by reporting his/her actions to someone. Might they get the help they need? Finally, the decision itself is purely up to you.

KNOW WHAT TO EAT

Do you know all the answers to these questions?

1. Do all foods turn to fat in people?
2. Do all fruit juices have calories?
3. Adults do/ do not need milk?
4. Certain foods are slenderizing?

Answers: 1. false 2. false 3. they sure do 4. false

If you got these questions only fifty per cent correct then listen up.

Nutrition is not something to ignore. As you most likely already know, you need a balanced diet consisting of fruits and vegetables, cereal products

see p. 4

Time To Plan For Spring

Ten Suggestions for Spring

1. Spring cleaning- take your semiannual bath (remember the one you took marked on hhe Christmas calendar? Well, this is the other one.)
2. Spring planting- bury your books- at least over spring vacation.
3. Do Easter shopping:
   a. stock up on Clearasil for all the [illegible] chocolate-rabbit binges
   b. buy egg dyes
   c. buy eggs or chicken
4. Find a home for the Easter gosling your baby brother got
5. Make a dentist appointment ; fight jelly bean rot
6. Chop out the blocks of ice in the yard so you can plant a garden in the near future- for instance, July?
7. Buy wood for #8
8. Build an ark in preparation for the spring thaw.
9. Find a fool for the 1st of April
10. Join the Good Timers- as you can see we need all the help we can get.

THE GOOD TIMERS

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Faculty Spotlight

This month the roving reporters interviewed Mr. D'Arcangelis. Mr. D'Arcangelis has been teaching for four years and his favorite subject is music. He graduated from Flint Northwestern High School and went to Michigan State University.

He is married and doesn't have any children. He has taught all grade levels from sixth through twelfth .

His favorite food is pizza, and his favorite color is blue. Mr. D'Arcangelis' favorite singer is Barbra Streisand and he likes the tv show Mash. The buffalo is his favorite animal. The rose is his choice in flowers. His zodiac sign is Taurus. He enjoys bowling and says his favorite movie is StarWars while The Godfather is his favorite book.

by M. R. and P.R.

Your Faudrite President Was...

Who were the best presidents ever? Here is the ranking as it was done by a large group of college professors.

1. George Washington
2. Abe Lincoln
3. Franklin Roosevelt
4. Woodrow Wilson
5. Thomas Jefferson
6. Andrew Jackson
7. Theodore Roosevelt
8. James K. Polk
9. Harry Truman
10. John Adams
11. Grover Cleveland

Some of these professors felt that eventually Lyndon Johnson will be ranked highly.

Some of those cited as possible candidates fro a failures list include U.S. Grant, W. Harding, and possibly Richard Nixon.

by C. Erickson

Easter Puzzle

A woman was dividing up the Easter jelly beans. She wanted to do it as evenly as possible. When she tried dividing the candy between two children, she had one candy left over. She found a thrid child next door. She again tried to divide it evenly but found she had still a piece left over. The same thing happened when she found a fourth child and when she even had six children to divide the jelly beans among.

Finally after calling her sister she found a seventh child, and now she could divide her jelly beans with none left over. What is the smallest number of candies she had in her jelly bean bag? And wasn't she silly for not simply eating the extra bean when there were only two children to deal with?

L. Turas

See p.4 for the answer.

Have a Good Easter!

Faculty Spotlight

Mark Serbenski and Don Boven interviewed Mr. Kannegieter for the faculty spotlight.

Mr. Kannegieter teaches phys. ed. and health. His favorite subject is phys. ed. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite food is pizza. The dog comes out on top as his favorite animal.

He says sixth grade is his favorite grade to teach. He'd enjoy being able to live in Oregon if he could live anywhere. Blazers are his favorite car as are any "cars that run." If he could travel, he'd like to take a wilderness trip on a river.

Track Begins ... Start Running!

Spring track season begins soon. Those interested in track met last week with Mr. Jay Firestone to prepare training for the season.

The first meet is April 17 with Galesburg at home at 4. April 19 is away with Lawton. April 25 PPMS meets Gobles' boys only at home and May 2 is a triangular meet with Bangor and Lawton here at 4.

May 9 is away against Allegan, May 11 against Mattawan here, and May 16 is another triangular meet against Parchemnt and Gull Lake at Parchment High School at 4.

May 18 PPMS goes against Hartford at home, May 22 is an away meet with Three Rivers and May 23rd PPMS hosts a combined meet against Zeeland .

Let's be sure to back the teams. Be there.

Wrestling Workers Work Hard

The PawPaw Men's Jr. High School Wrestling Team courageously lost 15 -58 against Vicksburg.

Marty Albar won his match by 4-1. He put forth a lot of power also. Mike Stuart lost his match by a pin, but put forth the effort. Jeff Gyarmathy lost his match also by a pin while giving his opponent a great amount of competition. Tom Thomas also gave his opponent some effort.

Todd Albar won his match with both points and a pin. Bill Daggitt won his match with both points and a pin also. Bill had a great amount of "take down power."

This was the first wrestling match played at home Paw Paw Middle School as ever had.

For a first season, the wrestlers made a good impression on Vicksburg as far as this reporter is concerned.

K. Caldwell

THE PUZZLE ANSWER IS 49 jelly beans

breads and meat or fish. But constant exposure to candy, chocolate and just plain junk food doesn't provide mu ch nutritional value at all. When you get a craving for "junk food", reach for fruit or a peanut butter sandwich. And yes I realize that this sounds run-of-the mill and boring but it is important! Also you do need a certain amount of calories, but when you exceed that amunt you are being a "food junkie".

To control your weight, please don't just take reducing pills and combinations; then eat your heart out. That does absolutely nothing. Don't think that some food if constnatly consumed or exclusively consumed will make you skinny. Don't avoid starch from your diet. You need some in your daily meals. The key to good eating is to eat balanced meals, a little of all the elements necessary to good nutrition. KC

The Old Man

The old man so lonely and shy
Dreaming of the day he'll die.
When old ladies walk by
The old man starts to cry.

He dreams of hs wife long since gone,
He sits on the corner until dawn.
Someone gave the old man meat -
The old man does not eat.

His daughter died when someone shot her
The rest of her life was a blur.
He swore he would shoot that man,
He still thinks of her whenever he can.

Now the morning has come and gone,
And came a cry from kid named Shaun,
The old man was now dead.
The cold had made his face go red.

People take the old man to the corone
I am the only mourner.
Never will the old man be shy,
The Lord has let the old man die.

C. Dutton

Food Survey continued

Continued food survey ..... from p.5

"the apple crisp is just right."

JTod Kubiszak says"the chop sewage is enough to gag a charging rhino" and suggests " vending machines in place of a food service." On a more positive note, Jodie Lugar suggests more student choice in the menu "otherwise it's money down the drain."

Hector ... The Easter Rabbit?

Once upon a time, there lived a family of rabbits, Mommy, Daddy, Huey, Dooey, Looy, and Hector. Now Hector was not your everyday rabbit. He hated vegetables, especially carrots. The only thing he would eat was eggs, not your everyday eggs, but colored eggs, which was really odd since Hector was color blind.

Hector was so unhappy at home because his brothers and sisters teased him that he left home.

A few days later in the home of a poor woman there was a problem. What was she going to give her children for Easter? Then it dawned on her. That little basket in the basement she could clean and fill with little loaved of bread.

As Hector was hopping along, colored eggs in paw, he spotted something in the grass. What could it be, he thought? Ah the perfect place to put my eggs, he said as he saw what it was. As he placed his eggs in the basket where the good woman's bread was cooling , he heard anoise. He jumped but not in time to escape being seen by a little girl whose mother was the poor woman. "It must be the Easter Rabbit!" she said, " My I made someone happy." thought Hector. And that was when he dedided to become the egg-bringing Easter Rabbit.

by Debbie Haefner

So What's Your favorite Food?

The Good Timers put together a food survey of the lunch room. Since the menu has become controversial lately, and some might say it always has been controversial around the middle school, we interviewed a sampling of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Over 140 people filled out the surveys in Mrs. Smith's, Mr. Ruesink's and Ms. Ruggles' classes.

When asked for the favorite food, over 90 chose pizza, 77 for tacos, 79 ,Hamburgers, 86 for subs, 69 for fishwiches, 37 for taco rolls and 26 for lasagna. These were ranked as favorite next favorite, 3rd favorite etc. This explains why the numbers do not add up to 140.

Least favorites among the main meals were chop suey and stuff and such. These two led the list with 108 people violently opposed to chop suey. Lasagna came in right behind the chop suey and the stuff and such followed by 59 hate votes for taco rolls. The most often given reason for rejecting chop suey was the sticky gooey rice.

Among the favorite vegetables the corn and lettuce salad came out on top with 69 votes for corn and 59 for lettuce salad . The reasons for liking these two included "it's hard to wreck lettuce" and "the corn doesn't get mushy." Topping the least favorite vegey list was beets followed by spinach. Neither was seen as either tasty or aesthetically pleasing ; in other words, it tastes bad and looks worse.

Among the fruit and dessert category, brownies were definitely our favorites. They polled 84 votes. Ice cream came came in next followed by apples. Cookies were an often-mentioned addition to the list provided.

Prunes were everyone's least liked item. Not one positive comment could be found to defend the prune's place on the menu.

The following are suggestions given by some of the individuals who were polled.

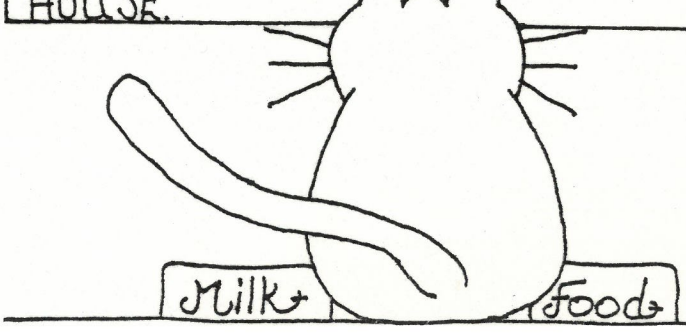
Dawn Brown said "leave out spinach. It looks like seaweed." Kelly Hutcheson would like the food served hot. Melissia Smith wants to see "more fruit and it should be cold." Laura Turas suggests "using real ingredients, like butter, and see if farmers or others might donate fresh food." Lori McQuire, Bob Zdzinicki and Jo Jach would like more ice cream served. Sarah Schallhorn mentions

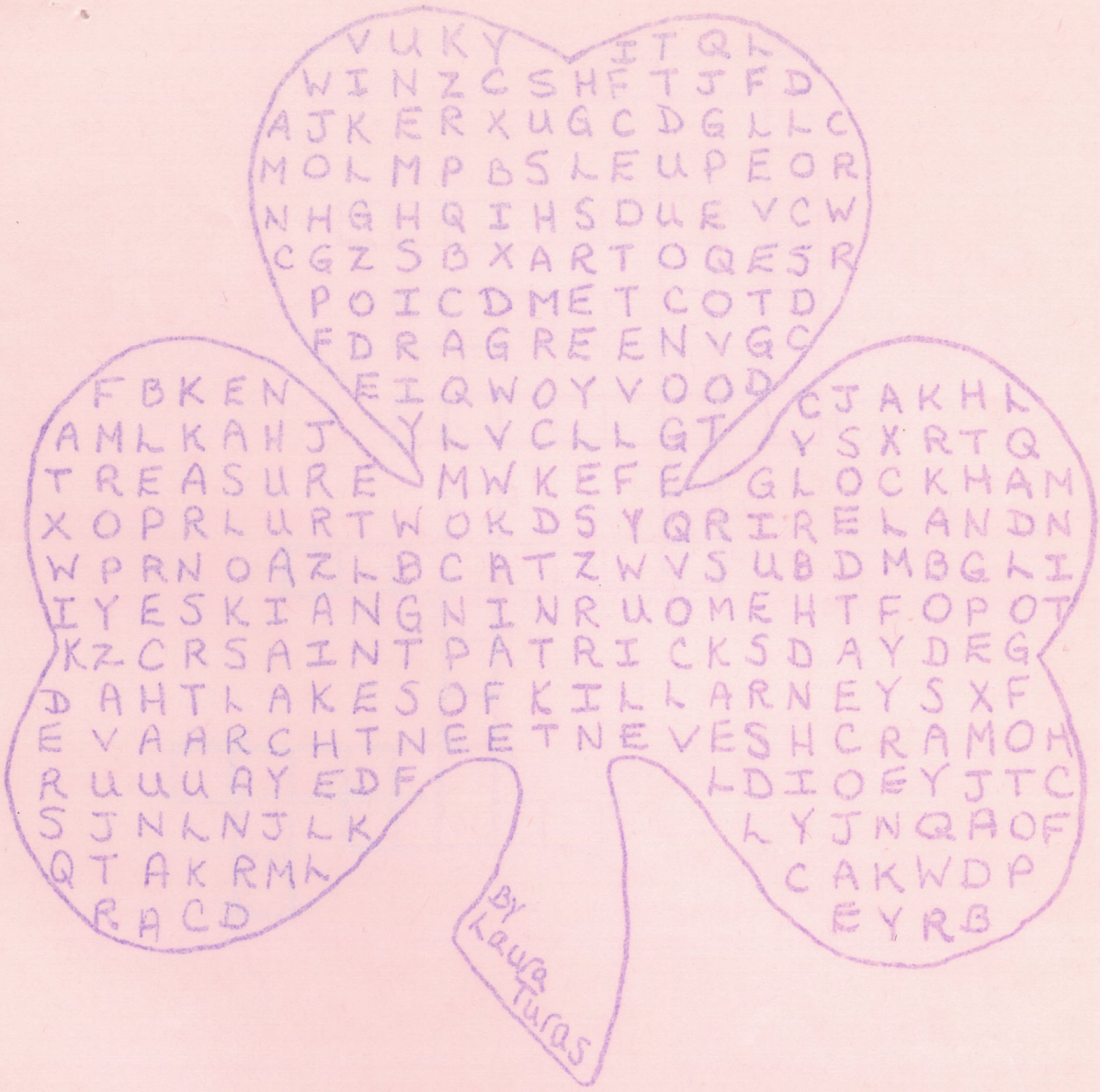
(see p. 4)

NOTICE — Putty Cat:

1) FINISH ALL FOOD AND DON'T SPILL MILK.
2) WASH BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MEALS.
3) DON'T LAY ON FURNITURE.
4) SHEDDING IS PROHIBITED IN HOUSE.

REMEMBER: YOU ARE A GUEST IN THIS HOUSE.

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6. GOOD LUCK
7. RAINBOW
8. MARCH SEVENTEENTH
9. IRELAND
10. TOP OF THE MOURNING
11. ELF
12. TREASURE
13. IRISHMEN
14. LAKES OF KILLARNEY